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Mr. Will Kempton, Director  
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Attention: Federal Resources Office, Room 3500  
For Ross A. Chittenden, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: AMBAG 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 1

We have completed our review of Amendment Number 1 to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) portion of the 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated December 20, 2004. As detailed in the enclosure to your letter, this amendment adds or modifies various projects, backed by various funding programs, in the counties of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz. The AMBAG Board of Directors endorsed this amendment to the FY 2004/05-2006/07 Monterey Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) on November 10, 2004, by approving Resolution No. 2004-12.

We find that AMBAG's 2004/05-2006/07 MTIP, including Amendment No. 1, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 USC §134 and 49 USC Chapter 53. We have determined that the adopted modifications to the AMBAG MTIP, proposed for inclusion in California's FSTIP by this amendment, are exempt from the regional emissions analysis and conformity determination requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Transportation Conformity Rule as amended. Our transportation planning and air quality conformity findings have been coordinated with the regional offices of the U.S. EPA and Federal Transit Administration. We are approving this amendment to the 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP for the AMBAG region pursuant to the Federal statewide and metropolitan transportation planning regulations codified in 23 CFR Part 450, and in accord with the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*.

This FSTIP Amendment approval is provided with the understanding that FTA funding approval on the individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.



If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval for the inclusion of this AMBAG MTIP amendment into California's FSTIP, please contact Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at [wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov).

Sincerely,

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